



PASSPORT TO JAPAN



Meet Our Missionaries

Wayne and Amy Newsome rejoice at how God is working in Japan! Wayne first served as a missionary in Japan after college from 1982-1985. He saw the great need for workers to proclaim the gospel in a country with less than 1% of the population believers in Christ. He returned to the US for seminary and preparation, and he and Amy married, started their family, and returned to Japan in 1990. Wayne is the team leader of the Nagoya church planting team, serving in one of the major urban areas of central Japan. He oversees missionaries and national partners involved in various stages of church planting. He enjoys mentoring and equipping others, and feels privileged to be directly involved in pastoral leadership of one of the team's churches. Amy works as a counselor in MTW Counseling Network, as well as in a counseling practice in Nagoya. She is also serving as the leader of member care in the Asia/Pacific region of MTW. The Newsomes raised five children in Japan, and they all now live in the US.

Prayer Points

- Pray for Wayne as he leads the church planting team in vision, plans, and activities of starting new churches.
- Pray for Nisshin Christ Church, the church the Newsomes planted, to strengthen and grow as a light in the community.
- Pray for development of Japanese leaders who can be pastors, elders, and deacons in the church.
- Pray that Wayne and Amy will be gospel centered in their own hearts, and this would overflow to gospel ministry that is gracious.
- Pray for Amy's counseling ministry to be another place where God's can be expressed and experienced.

Wayne and Amy
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JAPAN



CAPITAL: TOKYO
HOW MANY PEOPLE? 125.5 MILLION



CAN YOU FIND JAPAN ON THE MAP?

Craft of Japan

Origami is the traditional Japanese art of paper folding (ori means "folding," and kami is "paper" in Japanese). For a bold look, use solid colored paper. If you'd like an elegant and traditional Japanese look, try authentic washi paper. Washi paper is made in a traditional manner and processed by hand from fibers native to Japan. The fibers come from the inner bark of the gampi tree, the mitsumata shrub, or the paper mulberry bush. You just need one square sheet of paper to make these beautiful butterflies.

Visit:
<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/easy-origami-butterfly-tutorial-2540970>



Country Overview & History

Japan is a small country made up of 4 primary islands and many other smaller islands in the Pacific Ocean. Tokyo is the capitol and is one of the most populated cities in the world.

Over 92% of the Japanese population lives in urban areas near the coast. Much of these islands are made of mountains and volcanoes. Due to its location in the Pacific, there are also many earthquakes that occur.

Japan has an emperor as well as a prime minister that lead the country. It is a highly developed country with beautiful cities, speed trains, more robots than any other country in the world, and a high emphasis on education.

Japan's traditional religions of Buddhism and Shintoism embrace many gods in contrast to Christianity's belief in the ONE true God. A few things that Japan is most famous for are sushi, cherry trees, and anime.

